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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, BM

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 174694; B. STATE 180983; C. STATE 182337;

D. STATE 184937

1. IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE BURMESE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY TO CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY POSED QUESTIONS.

2. THE FY 76-77 BURMA PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR INTER-AGENCY REVIEW ON SEPTEMBER 4 AND THE FY 1977 NCAP HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS WHETHER OR NOT THE GUB WISHES SPECIALIZED HERBICIDE HELICOPTERS IN LIEU OF SOME OR ALL OF NEXT GROUP OF 6 BELL 205,S (REFTEL A, PARA 8). AS STATED IN REFTEL B, PARA 3, TIMELY PROCUREMENT REQUIRES KNOWING WHAT, IF ANY, MIX OF BELL 205 AND LIGHT OBSERVATION HELICOPTERS (FOR HERBICIDE WORK)

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IS DESIRED BY THE GUB. WE HOPE TO PLACE ORDERS FOR THESE

HELICOPTERS IN SEPTEMBER.

3. AS NOTED IN REFTEL C, PARA 2, WE APPROVED PURCHASE OF 100 NIGHT VISION DEVICES FOR THE BURMESE. BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER WE MUST KNOW THE DESIRED MIX OF TRIPOD AND WEAPON MOUNTED DEVICES AS WELL AS FOR WHAT CALIBER WEAPONS THE LATTER SHOULD BE CONFIGURED.
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4. THE DEPARTMENT IS ANXIOUS FOR EMBASSY AND GUB COMMENTS ON THE F-27 AIRCRAFT PROPOSED IN REFTEL D AND, IF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT IS ACCEPTABLE, WHETHER OR NOT THE BAF PREFERS THE TROOP CONFIGURATION DESCRIBED IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL. AS WE HAVE NO "HOLD" ON SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WE NEED TO KNOW EMBASSY AND GUB DECISION ASAP IN ORDER TO ENTER AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE.

5. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF THE DELAYS INHERENT WHEN DEALING WITH THE GUB BUREAUCRACY. HOWEVER, LONG PROCUREMENT LEAD TIMES MAKE IT DESIRABLE TO KNOW ANSWERS TO ABOVE QUESTIONS AT AN EARLY DATE. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE US OF THE DATE NCAP WAS POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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